

SJB MUSIC MINISTRIES MEETING

May 12, Noon

Those in attendance: Fr. Mark Tarrant, Debbie Dusanek, Parish Office
Christina Tompkins, Margaret Peeren, Franca Colatruglio: Sat. 5:00
Ardelle Martin, Mary Morton, Jill Ostanski: Sun. 9:30
Dorothy Lother, John Tanner, Sun. 11:30

Gather and Prayer: Led by Fr. Mark

#1: Lent/Triduum Discussion

Feedback from parishioners positive regarding common Mass setting. Music ministries have noticed greater participation by congregation.

On Passion Sunday, two choirs began in Gym, one in church. Both systems worked well.

Latin (Pange Lingua) was well received on Holy Thursday, but some felt it was not congregational. Fr. Mark suggested that if it is done again, can be sung in Latin with some English included.

Triduum numbers appeared to be up, with a noticeable number of youth on Good Friday. Mostly positive response regarding logistics of veneration and reception of the Eucharist on Good Friday, but choir members found it difficult to venerate. Fr. Mark suggested that veneration in silence take place at end of service in future. Fr. Mark also received positive feedback regarding sitting during Gospel.

Fr. Mark commended all groups on hard work planning, preparing and ministering at Triduum. Groups agreed that it was a good idea to rotate Masses during Triduum. Fr. Mark also noted that during Easter season, there should be a Sprinkling Rite each weekend, or at least first 4 Sundays. This will be looked at for next year.

Regarding First Communion on Mother's day, the group agreed that this day should be reserved to honour Mothers, and Mary, Mother of the Church. Date will be revisited going forward.

#2: Roman Missal

Changes will begin in Canada 1st Sunday of Advent. From now until Advent, we will begin catechesis in our parish to prepare our congregation for upcoming changes. We will be asked by the Bishop to sing the same Mass parts for one year; likely the new Mass by Fr. Geoffrey Angeles. It is to be taught in unison, with parts added later. The Parish has ordered the new "Celebrate in Song" music books, including this Mass; scheduled to arrive soon. Once the books arrive, the music ministries will meet to decide what to start working on now to ensure consistency at all Masses. In the near future, there will be an Archdiocesan Workshop for music ministries.

Visually, two banners will be made to flank the altar. On the left side, the text will read "The Lord Be With You". On the right side: "And With Your Spirit".

#3: Summer Masses

Because summer Masses are as important as other Masses throughout the other seasons, Fr. Mark would like music at all weekend Masses during summer months. Four songs will be needed: Entrance, Offertory, Communion and Recessional. Psalm can be sung or spoken.

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the inside of the music closet in the Sacristy for sign-up.

#4: Guest Soloists in Summer for Weddings and Funerals

While not an ideal situation, it was decided that we should allow guest soloists to minister at weddings and funerals at St. John Brebeuf. However, as Fr. Mark pointed out, musical choices must fall within our parameters, as it is about the Liturgy of the Church, not merely the family's wishes.

Next Meeting: A meeting will be arranged when the "Celebrate in Song" books arrive.